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Linden Road at I-39 in Rockford re-opens Dec. 8

Project part of \$98.8 million I-39/US 20 interchange reconstruction

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, Linden Road at I-39 in Rockford will re-open to traffic on Friday, Dec. 8. Linden Road was closed in late July to construct an overpass that carries the road over the new I-39 southbound lanes.

The Linden Road bridge construction was part of the \$98.8 million reconstruction of the I-39 and US 20 interchange, which also began in late July. Work this year consisted of grading for the new interchange ramps and bridges. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2024.

The I-39 and US 20 interchange project are part of a larger \$247.6 million, multiyear project to improve I-39 between the US 20/Harrison Avenue interchange and Blackhawk Road. A \$7.9 million project to replace the Perryville Road bridge over I-39/US 20 was completed Dec. 1. More information about the I-39 reconstruction project is available on the project webpage.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the <u>next six years</u>, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,000 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. <u>Accomplishments</u> through Year Four of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$12.1 billion of improvements statewide on 5,339 miles of highway, 533 bridges and 762 additional safety improvements.

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